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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §1.97, applicant submits a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, including one (1) page of Form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents cited therein.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submits English-language patent documents equivalent to three foreign-language patent documents cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 18, 1999. It is therefore believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 01-2507.

U.S. Patents

<u>Number</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Class/Subclass</u>
5,472,710	12-05-1995	Klokkers-Bethke, et al.	424/468

Foreign Patent Documents

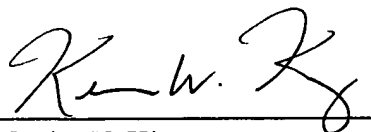
<u>Number</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Country</u>
49148/93 B	05-05-1994	Merck Patent Gesellschaft Mit Beschränkter Haftung	AU
425 699 B1	05-08-1991	Chugai Seiyaku Kabushiki Kaisha	EP

Remarks

The cited documents are equivalent to their foreign-language patent documents cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 18, 1999. The equivalent pairs—cited previously (cited here)—are DE 4236025 (AU 49148/93); EP 338 383 (US 5,472,710); and WO 90/13286 (EP 425 699). None of these references disclose or suggest delivering alkali metal salts of weak acids to the colon.

This statement should not be interpreted as a representation that an exhaustive search has been conducted or that no better art exists. Moreover, Applicant invites the Examiner to make an independent evaluation of the cited art to determine its relevance to the subject matter of the present application. Applicant is of the opinion that his claims patentably distinguish over the art referred to herein, either alone or in combination.

Respectfully submitted,



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